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ALEXANDER STEWART HOUSE  
2030 South Kinnickinnic Avenue  
Milwaukee, Milwaukee County  
Wisconsin

Owner: William T. Stewart.

Date of Erection: About 1840.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Wood.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

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## THE ALEXANDER STEWART HOUSE

The Alexander Stewart House is located at 2030 - S. Kinnickinnic Avenue in the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Near to the earlier day Milwaukee and immediately to the south of same there grew up a settlement named Bay View. This in time became a part of the metropolis. In this Bay View settlement Alexander Stewart built a dwelling for his own use. There is some doubt as to the exact date of its erection so it must be approximated as about 1840. The house is probably at the present time the oldest in Milwaukee or its environs. As originally planned the house consisted only of the north portion. This was carried out consistently in rather a severe but refined post-Colonial fashion. All the earmarks of this style are in evidence. The entrance is particularly noteworthy as well as the main cornice. The mouldings are clean cut, graceful and all are hand cut.

In time the family apparently outgrew the house and it became necessary to construct an addition. In design this addition parallels what is usually termed the "dark ages" of American art and architecture. It has characteristics of the jig-saw type of architecture mixed with Colonial motives. Furthermore, the characteristic small paned windows in the old house were removed and new ones installed. The latter are out of proportion with the old work as well as out of key in general

This house as it now stands is an excellent example of a transitionary period. Perhaps it might be called Victorian-Colonial. The intermingling of the two styles is interesting and bears close study.

The house is framed with oak material put together with wooden pegs. Wherever possible the various sections are mortised together. Who <sup>was</sup> the early day builder of this house ~~was~~ remains a mystery. There apparently was no architect.

The house is still in the possession of the Stewart family. But it has long been used as a dwelling place for two families. It has practically outlived its usefulness. Time has laid a heavy hand on it.

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